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Dr Taufiq speaking to reporters while Ritchie (right) looks on.

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KOTA KINABALU: Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) has set an action committee to prevent the spread of the coronavirus to the campus.

"We view the outbreak seriously. We are concerned as Sabah receives a lot of tourists from various countries everyday and most of them are from China," its vice chancellor Prof Dr Taufiq Yap Yun Hin said when met by reporters at a Chinese New Year (CNY) celebration hosted by the Malaysia Chinese Muslims Association (MAC-

MA) here on Friday.

He said the committee's role was to prevent any spread of the virus at the university.

Dr Taufiq said among measures to be taken was to conduct screening to ensure tourists visiting the campus were not infected.

Dr Taufiq, who is also MACMA president, added that he hoped the situation would normalise soon.

Meanwhile, MACMA Sabah chairman Ritchie Jay Cheng said more than 500 people attended the CNY celebration.